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REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR GOV. AND REPRESENTATIVE SPEAK HERE

FULL REPORT OF CONTEST IN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Work in DeSoto County. The Visitors to Arcadia All Had a Good Time, and Can Not Speak Too Highly of Arcadian Hospitality.

At the three-day short course and contest of the canning, poultry and corn clubs of DeSoto county, held in the DeSoto county high school building in Arcadia last week, the following prizes were awarded:

Canning Clubs.

First prize: Junia Rodgers, Arcadia, Fla., R. F. D., gold watch, given by Mrs. C. K. Painter Williams, Jacksonville.

Second prize: Virginia Nelson, Harbor View, Fla. Scholarship to two weeks' short course in Woman's College, Tallahassee, given by the C. I. & N. Railway.

Third prize: Lethia Crews, Wauchula, Fla., A \$5 bank account. Given by the Bank of Wauchula.

Fourth prize: Annie Whidden, Wauchula, Fla., A canning outfit, given by the Farm Canning Machine Co., Meridian, Miss.

Special prize: To the club in the county holding the greatest number of regular meetings with the best attendance throughout the year, a library of fifteen books was presented to the Nocatee Canning and Poultry Club, Nocatee, Fla. The members of this club are: Ruby Johnson, Ruth Freeman, Clara Provau, Mary Johnson and Rosafred Reynolds.

Special prize: Elma Wetherington, Arcadia, Fla., R. F. D. 1, \$2.50 for using the largest amount of products from farm and orchard.

Special prize: Dorothy Moore, Wauchula, Fla., R. F. D. 2, \$1. for best record book.

Poultry Clubs.

First prize: Ruth Freeman, Nocatee, Fla. Scholarship to two weeks' short course in Woman's College, Tallahassee. Given by the agricultural committee of the Commercial Club of Arcadia.

Second prize: John L. Milholland, Ito, Fla., \$2.50.

Special prize: James Fielder, Gardner, Fla. Book, Adventures of Tom Sawyer.

For keeping records as required and exhibiting a pen of chickens at the contest the following were awarded a prize of \$1 each:

Mattie Stephens, Ona, Rosafred Reynolds, Nocatee, Candler Hendry, Fort Green, Agnes Bates, Bunker-Lansing, Ruth Wallace, Wauchula, Thomas Jernigan, Fort Ogden, Inez Rowland, Charlotte Harbor, David Winans, Zolfo, Sebert Hall, Zolfo, David Hall, Zolfo.

This short course was the first of the kind held in DeSoto county, and was a decided success, being attended by five members of the Boys' Club, fourteen members of the poultry club, and twenty-three members of the Girls' Canning Club. Thanks are due the hospitable ladies of the city of Arcadia who so graciously entertained the girls and boys during the three days.

The boys of the Commercial League of the DeSoto County High School are deserving of special mention for courtesies extended the visitors all during their stay. A very pleasant feature of the course was the automobile ride which they tendered the entire membership and faculty of the club. During the ride the poultry farm of Mrs. E. Prouty, on Joshua Creek, was visited and inspected. Mrs. Prouty gave the poultry club members an interesting and instructive talk on poultry raising. The board of county commissioners contributed \$25, which was divided into various prizes, while the board of Public Instruction bore the expenses of the short course and the club emblems.

Ladies' Aid Society.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. A. J. Dozier. There was but little business to be transacted, and after spending a short while sewing and chatting, the charming hostess served dainty refreshments which were enjoyed by all. The ladies soon adjourned to meet with Mrs. J. A. Timberlake, Tuesday, November 7th.

The Honorable George W. Allen, of Key West, republican candidate for governor of Florida, and the Hon. Henry W. Bishop, of Lake county, republican, candidate for congress from the First district, addressed about 100 voters of the city at the band stand this morning at 10:30 o'clock.

The speakers were introduced by Judge A. F. Odlin, of this city, who paid each of the distinguished gentlemen high compliments.

After discussing a few national issues, Mr. Allen made the burden of his remarks bear upon the importance of independent voting. He called attention to the fact that Florida is always looked upon as being safely democratic, and speakers from other states are not imported into this state, all recognizing that there is no hope of changing the Florida from his democratic inclination. This Mr. Allen does not look upon as being especially complimentary to the average Florida voter, for he should cultivate a more independent spirit in the matter of suffrage. He gave special emphasis to those great democratic leaders who claimed the right to change whenever in their judgment they thought fit. He said the reason many voters did not show this spirit of independence is, that they are afraid they will be called bolters. He is not a candidate for governor as a partisan, but as a native Floridian who loves and wants to serve his state.

Mr. Allen made a good impression upon the voters, and his appearance and speech fully justify the many good things that have been said of him as a man and a public spirited citizen.

Mr. Bishop spoke briefly of his candidacy for representative of the First Florida District. He said the latest bulletin in regard to the situation was from an Arcadian who said, "Drane has already got you beat." He is unwilling, however, to go home on account of this "straw vote." Mr. Bishop said his friend, Allen, is alright, and will make a good governor. He said there is a special reason why there should be a republican governor at this time for the purpose of holding down the representatives, part of whom are for Knott and part for Catts. "If Allen is elected he will act as a great balance wheel in harmonizing these two factions," said Mr. Bishop.

FANCY ORANGES SELL AT FROM \$6.50 TO \$7.25 PER BOX

In New York City, Porto Rico Grape Fruit Advances From 25 to 50 Cents Per Box, Fancy Fruit Bringing From \$7.00 to \$8.25.

New York, Oct. 25.—Considering the lateness of the season the fifty-eight cars of California Valencia oranges recently sold were unusual in quality and color. The demand was helped considerably by the falling off in receipts of nearby fruits, and the market later was exceptionally active and prices advanced 25 to 50 cents per box compared with those of last week.

These prices eased off 10 to 15 cents later in the week but the market continued strong. Fancy oranges sold at \$6.50 to \$7.25, an occasional sale being made higher. Extra choice brought \$4.50 to \$6, choice \$3.50 to \$5, and poor fruit lower.

The Porto Rico grape fruit market continued strong, and prices advanced 25 to 50 cents per box. Demand was excellent and 1,555 boxes were sold, fancy fruit bringing \$7 to \$8.25 for all sizes, and choice \$5 to \$7. Inferior grape fruit ranged from \$3.25 to \$5.

Arrivals of Porto Rico oranges were heavy, but prices were well maintained. Prices were fully 50 to 75 cents per box higher than last week, and fruit sold from \$1.95 to \$3.65 per box. Seventy-four hundred boxes were disposed of.

It is hoped that the new whitefly enemy imported recently from California will like the Florida climate and its new diet. J. R. Watson, entomologist to the University of Florida Experiment Station, reports that the immigrant is thriving and apparently contented with its surroundings thus far.

SENATOR FLETCHER WILL SPEAK AT THE COURT HOUSE NEXT SATURDAY

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK ON THE FARM LOAN QUESTION, ALL FARMERS SHOULD ATTEND THIS MEETING, AS SENATOR FLETCHER WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE ALL DESIRED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION AND BENEFITS OF THE FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION.

Next Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, Senator D. U. Fletcher will address the farmers of this vicinity at the court house on the advantages and plans of organization for a Farm Loan Association.

Senator Fletcher is one of the best posted men in the United States in regard to the provisions of this law, and every farmer within reach of Arcadia will want to be present at this meeting.

A large number of farmers and growers met at the court house last Saturday afternoon to discuss the plans of organization, and agreed

not to organize at this meeting, but to wait until after the meeting of the Farm Loan Board in Jacksonville the 26th, in order that this body might rule on the question that has been raised as to "who is a farmer." Some construe the meaning to be all who have farming interests, while yet there are others who believe that only those who live on the farm, and make farming at least the chief business should be eligible to membership in a Farm Loan Association. The Farm Loan Board has been asked to rule on this point.

NEWSPAPER MADE FROM PALMETTO FIBER

Georgia Paper Company Now Has Capacity for Making Ten Tons Daily, But Can Increase This Capacity to Fifty Tons Daily Within a Period of Six Months. Florida State Press Association Appoints a Committee of Two to Look Further Into the Matter and Report at the January Meeting in Jacksonville.

At the recent meeting of the State Press Association in Jacksonville, called for the purpose of considering the advanced cost of all printing materials, and especially news paper, which has increased more than 100 per cent. within the past twelve months, it developed that the St. Mary Paper Mills, of Georgia, is now producing about ten tons daily, which it can manufacture and sell to the trade at a good profit by selling it at 4 cents per pound. At present quotations this would be a saving of about \$50 per ton. The agent for the company claims that within a period of six months time it can increase the capacity of the plant so that it will be able to supply fifty tons daily.

The sample furnished by the agent was thoroughly examined by those present, and the paper was pronounced to be of excellent quality. The association appointed a committee of two whose duties it is to more thoroughly investigate the matter and report at the next meeting in January.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE FOR COM'L. CLUB APPOINTED

By President Lynch. He Selects a Body of Men Who He Thinks Will Let No Stranger Escape the Proper Attention. Russell King Appointed Member of the Agricultural Club.

Captain George M. Lynch, president of the Arcadia Commercial Club, called up the office of the News this morning, saying that he was so much impressed with the News' editorial yesterday suggesting greater and organized activities in the reception of visitors and tourists, that he felt disposed not to delay the matter a single day. He therefore appointed the following gentlemen to look after these duties with request that reports of work done be made at each regular meeting of the club: G. S. Gardner, Dave H. Scott, J. S. Floyd, Harley Watson, C. H. Mitchell.

President Lynch also authorized the announcement of the fact that he had appointed Mr. Russell King as a member of the agricultural committee. This committee is doing splendid work, and Mr. King has already affiliated in such a way as to show his services to be invaluable.

Visit in Lakeland.

Miss Olga Polk, a popular young lady of this city, and Mrs. A. C. Freeman arrived here this morning after spending several days visiting friends and relatives in Lakeland.

INTERESTING DISCUSSION OF RAW ROCK PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER

AT THE CITRUS SEMINAR AT GAINESVILLE LAST WEEK. SHOULD THIS FERTILIZER PROVE TO BE WHAT IS CLAIMED FOR IT, IT WILL PROVE TO BE A GREAT BOON TO THE CITRUS FRUIT GROWERS OF THE STATE.

That raw rock phosphate is the fertilizer preferred by most of the growers attending the recent Citrus Seminar at Gainesville seems to be the consensus of opinion among those who took part in the various meetings. The preponderance of advocates of raw phosphate among the visitors and the majority of the expressions from disinterested users during the discussions lend color to this view.

The opening session of the Seminar, Tuesday morning, was devoted almost entirely to papers on fertilizers. Prof. Collison, of the University staff, reporting the results of certain experiments, and Prof. Turlington, of the Engineering College, presenting a summary of various papers by different experimenters, were prominent among the lecturers. Dean Rolfs, of the University, chairman of the meeting, in a few words intimated his concurrence in the conclusion, suggested by the reports, that commercial, or acid treated phosphate rock was found superior to the raw ground rock.

Considerable interest was manifested by the rather large attendance of several hundred when Mr. Angle, representative of the Lakeland Phosphate Company, manufacturers of Natusown, a raw ground phosphate, requested the floor and refuted a number of the conclusions drawn, quoting the experience of many growers and also certain experiments reported by authority of the department of agriculture. Visitors joined the discussion, reporting briefly from the floor their experiences, when, not to delay the program, the chair stated that a special phosphate confer-

ence would be held later.

Accordingly, on Wednesday evening at half after seven, two conferences were called; the citrus canker conference at the court house, and the phosphate conference at the Masonic hall, presided over by Dean Rolfs. Despite the gratifying gathering at the canker meeting, a notably great audience manifested its interest in the phosphate question, this assemblage filling to overflowing the large hall, and remaining in session until far into the night, many of those who attended the canker discussion taking part in the phosphate meeting after their own conference had been adjourned.

The chair requested that the question be opened by Mr. Angle, the Natusown salesman who had precipitated the discussion on the opening morning. The speaker amplified his previous remarks, again quoting from the experiments whose publication was authorized by the department of agriculture at Washington, and mentioning details of successes achieved by various users of raw phosphate. He was careful to announce himself as interested in the sale of raw ground phosphate, and made it clear that he was not advocating exclusively his own product, which he did not mention once by name, but was pleading the cause of raw phosphate in general.

Mr. Angle was followed by a number of speakers, all of whom by their own statements are interested in the exploitation of one or another brand of commercial fertilizer. The remark consisted largely, as might be

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THE LITTLE CITY OF SEBRING RAPIDLY COMING TO THE FRONT

The little city of Sebring, located just thirty-two miles northeast of Arcadia, in this county, is certainly coming into the limelight for her share of the kind of advertisement that pays.

There is not a more delightfully located city in the state, being situated as it is on the banks of beautiful Lake Jackson, the surrounding landscape being sufficiently rolling to give it a wonderfully attractive appearance.

Sebring will have a golf course completed ready for the fall and winter tourists, and will also have completed a tourist hotel with every modern convenience, some time in January, 1917, at a cost of \$150,000.

In addition to these improvements the Methodists of the city will soon complete a beautiful church house at a cost of \$20,000, which will probably make it the handsomest church building in the south for a city of this size.

With the extension of the A. C. L. Railroad south from this point, we are confidently expecting to see this little city grow by leaps and bounds.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday October 29th: Rev. M. H. Norton, presiding elder of the Barrow district, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be administered at the close of the morning sermon. The offering at the morning hour will be for the benefit of the Methodist Orphanage at Enterprise, one of the church's benevolences that always appeals to the heart of the membership, and the needs of which just at this time are particularly urgent.

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. A musical program by the orchestra for the first fifteen minutes, and good singing led by the orchestra throughout the exercises. Visitors invited. The Sunday school offering will go directly to the support of the orphanage. Epworth League at 6:15 p. m.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Services Sunday, October 29th: nineteenth Sunday after Trinity. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon 7 p. m. The Rev. James H. Davet will conduct both services. You are cordially invited to attend all services. d&w

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE OF COMMERCIAL CLUB HELD

Important Meeting Yesterday. Gives Two-Weeks Agricultural Course in the Girls' College at Tallahassee to Miss Ruth Freeman, of Nocatee. Will Discuss County Fair Proposition Next Tuesday Morning at 10 O'Clock.

A meeting of the committee on agriculture was held in the office of Mr. A. L. Durrance last Friday morning, October 20th, and after the election of Mr. R. S. King as chairman, the committee decided on account of the fact that two of their members were out of the city, to adjourn to meet again Tuesday.

At the meeting held Tuesday, the 24th, Captain Lynch and Miss Allie Stribling were present, and urged the committee to offer a free scholarship to the girl winning the prize on poultry raising in DeSoto county, to the Girls' College at Tallahassee. The two weeks' course would cost about \$30. Mr. Durrance made a motion which prevailed that the Commercial Club through the committee on agriculture, should offer this prize, which means a two weeks' course to Miss Ruth Freeman, of Nocatee, and that the money should be raised by private donations from the members of the club.

Captain Lynch suggested that he thought this committee should launch the movement for a county fair, and after a full discussion of the matter Mr. Carlton moved that a meeting of the committee be held next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock for the purpose of formulating plans for the county fair.

M. F. Mizell, a prominent citizen of Pine Level, left yesterday for Jacksonville, after spending the day in Arcadia. Mr. Mizell will spend a week or so in the metropolis visiting friends and relatives.

PORTO RICAN FRUIT GROWERS ARE PERTURBED OVER DETENTION

Of Green Fruit in New York. This is the First Season That a Rigid Inspection of Porto Rican Fruits Have Been Made By the New York and Federal Pure Food and Health Authorities.

San Juan, P. R., Oct. 25.—Citrus growers here are very much upset over the detention of their fruit in New York for inspection by the New York and federal pure food and health authorities. This is the first season that a rigid inspection has been made of Porto Rico fruit to determine whether it was up to the federal government standard, and many shipments have been held up in New York because of a green appearance or other signs of immaturity.

At this time citrus growers here are still in the dark as to just what has happened to much of this fruit, and many have ceased shipping entirely.

Packers of native wild oranges have been hit on having their fruit held up. Information received here is to the effect that an entire shipment of more than 20,000 boxes of oranges shipped during the last week in September has been held up subject to action of both the New York city health authorities and the United States department of agriculture. A similar shipment of more than 20,000 boxes which went forward last week, it is expected, will also be detained.

CHURCH DEDICATION AT LIMESTONE.



REV. J. S. KENDALL.

Sunday morning, November 5th, has been designated as the day for the dedication services of the new United Brethren church, just completed at Limestone. The dedicatory sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. S. Kendall, D. D., of Dayton, Ohio, at 10:30 a. m. Rev. Kendall will also preach again at 7:30 p. m.

Rev. Kendall has been one of the most successful pastors in the United Brethren church. He has always been a good financial manager, and at the last general conference of the church he was elected financial secretary for the entire denomination.

The Cabbage Palm, published at Limestone, in this week's issue, says of Mr. Kendall:

"He is a man of pleasing appearance, of winning manners, and an excellent preacher. He is a man of wide experience, of deep sympathy and of lofty purpose.

"His message to the people of Limestone and vicinity will be inspiring and helpful. You will love him when once you have seen and heard him."

The public generally is invited to attend all of these services.

MATINEE AT STAR THEATRE SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

U. D. C. Will Give Good Program, in Addition to Splendid Picture.

This performance will be given by the local chapter of the U. D. C. to raise funds to place markers at all graves of Confederate soldiers in and around Arcadia. The usual admission fee of 10 and 15 cents will be charged, so every one attending will get their money's worth, and in addition help a worthy cause. The public is urged to attend.